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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Observations Made at the Student Critique, Class XII,
at the Ft. Meade Training Site on 10 May 1963 by
the Project Officer

Unfortunately the Project Officer was unable to participate in the entire critique due to other pressing business. He was able to take in the critique of the comprehensive exercise. (A Project Officer was present during the earlier critique, however.) The opening criticism by a number of students was that insufficient time with lack of proper detail was given in the student's briefings prior to the launching of the comprehensive exercise. The immediate response by the Training Officer in charge was that "I object to the Project allowing two people (reference here made to [] to go home early in the comprehensive exercise. Further I object to the Project allowing the

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training. He stated that considerable time was spent in familiarizing the students with cover and concealment and movement in forest areas, living in the back woods, etc. He posed the question at the E&E critique, at which a number of the Senior Training Officers and E&E specialists were present, as to why nothing was said or no training given during the entire course of instruction on living and movement in the city or populated areas. He was reminded that indeed his concern reflected serious operational considerations inside the Soviet Union and that rather than this being an oversight in training, there was every intent to introduce this phase of training during his "graduate work". He was told that the same conditions would not apply to all operational areas, therefore his Case Officer would be in a better position to give specific and individual attention to survival techniques necessary for movement within his area of commitment.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Comments on the Project Officer's Observations at the
Comprehensive Exercises, Class XII, Camp Pickett,
May 4-7, 1963

During my recent visit to Camp Pickett to view and participate in the Class XII Comprehensive Exercise, it was noted that there appeared at times serious disagreement between the Training Officer and the pilot over unsuitability of LZ's, DZ's, over appropriate weights of cargo for the aircraft and markings of patterns, etc. Many of these were quite likely the result of honest differences of opinion. However, I asked the pilot whether he presented a critique of his views, in writing or verbally after the exercise. He answered he did not. When asked whether he volunteered his comments on what he might consider improper procedures, he commented he did not feel it was in his capacity to do so.

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controlling the indigenous resistance types. It would appear to me that if in fact an asset of this organization were to take upon himself the prerogative, in the belief that he had the authority, to handle an indigenous type in this manner he could easily jeopardize not only the immediate mission with which he is involved but also seriously render useless the principal motivating factors which bind this Agency and any indigenous resistance group; namely, that only through our asset would any measure of freedom be returned to those under the Soviet Communist yoke.

The second exercise in which I participated was a replacement for an E&E evader who had become ill and was removed from the "rat line". Since the timing of this introduction into the E&E process was such that it coincided with the final "holding area", as much exposure to E&E was not obtained as was hoped. However sufficient discussion by the evader (myself) and the student (agent asset) took place to render some pertinent observations. The final holding area was some 30 yards from a main highway. Its only shelter was the usual semi-dense forest typical of the Camp Pickett area. Sleeping bags were thrust some 10 feet upon trees and little effort was devoted to cover and concealment. The immediate observation was that any terminal holding point of this type under realistic conditions would be completely sheltered or covered, i.e., an abandoned building, the cellar of an indigenous asset, etc. The previous movement of the evader took place during the day with rest and sleep accomplished during the night.

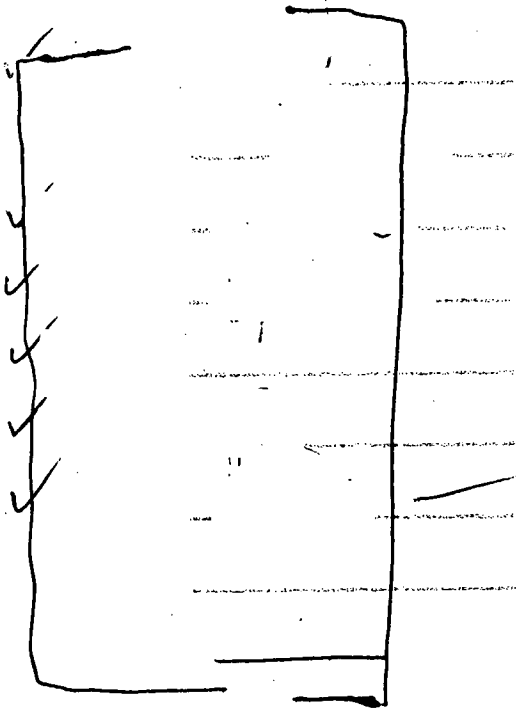
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rear approach as is customary of an aircraft of this type, but from a front left approach which took the moving parties in front of the aircraft and the propellar. This movement took place at dusk and was not critical; however, at night such a movement could be disastrous as the aircraft commander quickly pointed out. Once airborne the pilot likewise commented that there was no wind velocity guidance given by the RCL which necessitated some change in the pilot's original landing pattern plan.

A number of student trainees commented both during the exercise and subsequently upon return to the training site that they thought it unrealistic to be placed in the field with insufficient briefing for the exercise and to allow apparent arbitrary management of the teams by a team leader who was chosen by the training staff. Team members were exercised in but few of the various phases of training to which they had been exposed; for example; my excort felt very strongly that he should have been permitted to exercise some of his communications ability, others felt that mistakes were made and no one in authority was present to correct them. Therefore, the same mistake from their point of view was being made continually throughout the exercise.

It is recommended that future comprehensive exercises be designed so that team members are afforded the opportunity to participate in as



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